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Drug Enforcement Administration

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Chris Zimmerman, Director
Regulatory Compliance and
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Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

This is to grant approval of your request to implement on a nationwide basis your newly developed system to identify and report suspicious orders for controlled substances and regulated chemicals, as required by Federal regulation. DEA managers who have been involved with the testing of the system have relayed their positive opinions regarding its ability to provide information in a fashion which is not only useful overall, but is also responsive to the needs of individual DEA offices.

We appreciate the efforts you have undertaken to develop this improved system and apologize for the lengthy approval process. It did not seem appropriate to grant this approval prior to the conclusion of the Suspicious Order Task Force formed as a result of the Methamphetamine Control Act. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at (202) 307-7297.

Sincerely,
Patricia M. Gault

Chief
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